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- 1. NASDA HAS INFORMED SCICOUNS, FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER GOJ AGENCIES, THAT USG NOTE RESPONDING TO GOJ NOTE VERBALE ON DOWN-RANGE TRACKING STATION WILL CONSTITUTE ADEQUATE AGREEMENT FOR NASDA BUDGET PURPOSES. NOTE NEED ONLY BE IN GENERAL TERMS, INDICATING TECHNICAL DETAILS TO BE DEVELOPED LATER. WHILE AGREEMENT SIGNED BY DEPARTMENT AND SHIMA WOULD BE NICE TOUCH, NASDA HAS NOT CLARIFIED SHIMA'S AUTHORITY TO SIGN SUCH AGREEMENT. PENDING SUCH CLARIFICATION, THEREFORE, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS USG NOTE AS BEST APPROACH, AND CONTINUES TO HOPE THAT AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE CAN BE GIVEN ON OCCASION OF SHIMA'S WASHINGTON VISIT.
- 2. FOLLOWING MEETING WITH SHIMA, VISITNG MCDONNEL DOUGLAS REP HAS INFORMED SCICOUNS THAT SHIMA HAS CONFIRMED STRONG NASDA INTEREST IN HYDROGEN OXYGEN TECHNOLOGY FOR "N" ROCKET SECOND STAGE. SHIMA EXPLAINED THIS INTEREST ON GROUNDS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS BEING ENCOUNTERED WITH NITROGEN PEROXIDE TECHNOLOGY, NOT RPT NOT ON DESIRE TO REACH HIGHER PAYLOAD CAPABILITY. HOWEVER, INDUSTRY REP BELIEVES ON BASIS OF OTHER SOURCES AND OVERALL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IMPRESSION OF SHIMA CONVERSATION THAT IMPROVED PAYLOAD ALSO

IMPORTANT FACTOR. SCICOUNS CALLING ON SHIMA TOMORROW,
NOVEMBER 7, AND WILL SUPPLEMENT THIS MESSAGE IF ADDITIONAL INFO-
MATION IS OBTAINED.
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